



### Who is affected by the war effort?

EVERYONE! When our troops go to war, their family, friends and community go with them. Mothers, fathers, wives, husbands and children are affected emotionally, physically and financially.

The Arizona Military Family Relief Fund is here to help. The families of Arizona service members injured or killed while fighting the Global War on Terror can now receive assistance to ease any financial crisis they might encounter.



*"My son, SSgt Brent Bretz, was very severely injured in December of 2004. We didn't know whether he would survive his injuries. I had to scramble to get plane tickets to Germany so all his siblings could be with him. The Arizona Military Family Relief Fund will keep other parents from having to make these heart-wrenching decisions."*

Kathy Pearce  
Mother of Army Sniper SSgt Brent Bretz  
Mesa, Arizona - Purple Heart Recipient



## ARIZONA MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND



SUPPORTING ARIZONA'S MILITARY:  
ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

**How Can I Help?** All we need is your name, address and the last four digits of your Social Security number. Attach check and mail to:

**MFRF**  
**c/o Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**  
**3839 N. 3rd St., Ste. 200**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85012**

*All donors will be mailed a receipt for tax purposes.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Four Digits in SS#: \_\_\_\_\_



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## The Need

The Iraq and Afghanistan Wars have produced combat veterans who are faced with severe injuries not comparable to previous conflicts. In many cases, long-term medical care is needed, requiring families

to be by the side of their military hero. Cash-strapped families must pick up the tab for travel, lodging and household expenses while their family member undergoes rehabilitation.

In the worst scenario, when military families lose a loved one in the line of duty, they are frequently faced with devastating financial hardship. Unforeseen expenses add to the stress of tremendous loss. Families suddenly have to restructure their lives and manage day-to-day bills, all while laying their hero to rest.

## What Can I Do?

It is now easier than ever to help. Your donation to the Arizona Military Family Relief Fund provides peace of mind to soldiers and their families. Your check directly impacts the lives of Arizona's heroes. You can feel safe with this program, as funds are distributed effectively and efficiently to deserving families.\*

You not only reap the rewards that come from helping those in need, but now you can receive a tax credit for your contribution. That's right: you can decide how to spend a portion of your tax dollars!

## YOU tell Arizona what to do with the taxes you already pay!

*\*By law, administrative costs are capped at 5 percent.*

## How Does a Tax Credit Work?

The Fund is administered by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) so support will go to Arizona military families in need. It provides taxpayers with an avenue for charitable giving that actually gives the contributor a tax incentive. The credit is the smaller of the donated amount: \$200 if single (\$400 if married filing jointly), or the amount of state tax you owe. It is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of your tax.

*For more information about tax credits and how they may apply to you, consult your tax advisor. You can also contact the Arizona Department of Revenue at (602) 255-3381 or visit [www.revenue.state.az.us](http://www.revenue.state.az.us).*



*"I was in a daze — filling out forms, making arrangements — and then you have to think about bills. Pay stopped right away after he was killed, and we only had \$300 in savings.*

*You have an identity with your husband and when he was taken away... I had to rethink how [life] was going to work.*

*I have been fortunate and feel we didn't have it as bad as other families."*

Melissa Latham  
Wife of Staff Sergeant William Latham of Kingman, Arizona  
5th from Arizona to be killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Last day of duty: June 18th, 2003